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Identical letters dated 15 May 2017 from the Charge d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a statistical table prepared by the Ministry of Oil and Mineral Resources of the Syrian Arab Republic, containing the following:

1. Initial estimates of the costs of losses resulting from attacks launched by the so-called international coalition against Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) targeting oil and gas facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic during the period from 17 October 2016 to 31 March 2017;

2. Initial estimates of the overall costs of losses resulting from attacks carried out by the so-called international coalition against ISIL targeting oil and gas facilities in the Syrian Arab Republic from the onset of those attacks on 23 September 2014 up until 31 March 2017.

I should like to point out that the initial estimates set forth in the statistical table do not include all of the oil and gas facilities that have been attacked by the air force of the so-called international coalition against ISIL. Certain difficulties and security conditions have prevented access to some facilities and oil and gas sites with a view to assessing the extent of the damage and the value of the losses incurred as a result of the bombardment carried out by the so-called international coalition against ISIL. We shall inform the Secretariat and the President of the Security Council of the value of the losses in future statistical table, once the information becomes available.

The so-called international coalition against ISIL has continued to bombard oil and gas facilities in Syria as part of a deliberate strategy of targeting and destroying the country's economic, industrial and service infrastructure. Moreover, fires have broken out at oil and gas wells, causing serious environmental pollution that could result in environmental disasters. The attacks of the so-called international coalition against ISIL targeting Syria's economic infrastructure go hand in hand with the illegal unilateral coercive measures imposed on the Syrian Arab Republic by the United States of America, the European Union, the League of Arab States and other countries. Such measures obstruct efforts to repair those economically vital facilities and dim the prospects for development, rebuilding and reconstruction in the Syrian Arab Republic.

My country's Government reiterates its stated position that the hostile acts perpetrated within the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic by the so-called

international coalition against ISIL are illegal and contravene the Charter of the United Nations and international law, inasmuch as they are being carried out without prior authorization or coordination with the Syrian Government. My country's Government insists that these attacks must come to an end, and that the States members of this illegal coalition must be made to bear political and legal responsibility for the destruction of infrastructure in the Syrian Arab Republic, including responsibility for compensation.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mounzer **Mounzer**
Minister Plenipotentiary
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex to the identical letters dated 15 May 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Cumulative table of initial estimates of damages resulting from the bombings carried out by the air force of the so-called Western coalition against oil and gas installations from 23 September 2014 to 31 March 2017

1. Value of damages to active and other associated companies assessed recently for the period from 17 October 2016 to 31 March 2017

Company	*Date*	*Location*	*Losses and damage sustained*	*Losses (USD)*		
				Direct losses	*Indirect losses (from burning of oil or gas)*	*Total (USD)*
Furat Petroleum Company	07/01/17	Umar field	The main plant, the power plant, the oil wells, the residential town, the main warehouse (No. 211, the outer warehouses and the car parks were all bombarded, causing fires. The smoke reached several other locations, electrical power was cut off; the power plant was put out of action; and the site sustained other severe damage.	377 000 000	0	377 000 000
	06/03/17	Tanak field	The bombardment targeted the switch and circuit breaker building and electrical towers 0.4, 20 and KV66 in the Tanak field, including the monitoring and control systems contained in the building. The Ghalban branch oil collection station was also targeted.	19 699 912	0	19 699 912
	07/03/17	Umar field	A number of wells contained by the earthen berm in the Umar oil field were targeted.	2 250 000	0	2 250 000
	08-12/03/17	Umar power station	– The first, second and third GEFrame-6 gas turbines were bombarded several times. The first and second gas turbines were put out of commission. The fourth and fifth are still in working order but need repair. The third turbine is in acceptable condition and can be repaired using spare parts taken from the first and second turbines. – An inspection has shown that the control device for first, second and third gas turbines of the power station at the Umar oil field are in working order. – Five turbines have been completely destroyed; in particular, the phase one turbines have been reduced to scrap metal. – The air compressor has been completely destroyed.	310 700 000	0	310 700 000
Total damages caused by Western coalition aircraft bombardment (USD): seven hundred and nine million, six hundred and forty-nine thousand, nine hundred and twelve United States dollars only.				**709 649 912**	**0**	**709 649 912**

II. Cumulative value of damages assessed from the onset of the bombings on 23 September 2014 to the end of the first quarter of 2017

Initial estimates of losses sustained at the oil and gas installations of all companies in the Syrian Arab Republic as result of the bombings carried out by the Western coalition, estimated from the onset of the bombings to 31 March 2017	*Losses (USD)*		
	Direct losses	*Indirect losses (from burning of oil or gas)*	*Total (USD)*
In 2014	521 330 048	22 280 985	543 611 033
In 2015	1 015 001 533	112 256 257	1 127 257 790
In 2016	125 554 200	45 507	125 599 707
In 2017	709 649 912	0	709 649 912
Combined total losses	**2 371 535 639**	**134 582 749**	**2 506 118 442**
Combined total: two billion, five hundred and six million, one hundred and eighteen thousand, four hundred and forty-two United States dollars only.	**2 506 118 442**		